

ward number three ; H. L. Alexander and Wm. Harty, of ward number four, commissioners elected on the 8th day of January, A. D., eighteen hundred and sixty-six shall continue to hold their office as mayor and commissioners until the acceptance of this amended charter, from which time they shall hold as mayor and aldermen, until an election shall be held as hereinafter provided for.

Wards.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said city shall be divided into four wards by the intersection of Trade and Tryon streets, to be known as follows, to wit: That part lying east of said intersection, to be known as ward number one ; that part lying south, as ward number two ; that part lying west, as ward number three ; that part lying north, as ward number four. And each ward shall elect three aldermen, who shall be white male citizens of the full age of twenty-five years, and who shall have resided in said city twelve months next preceding the day of election, and who shall hold and continue to hold in the said city real estate assessed for taxation at a sum not less than fifteen hundred dollars, and who shall reside and continue to reside while in office in the ward for which he or they may be elected, and whenever a vacancy shall occur by resignation or otherwise, the mayor shall issue a writ of election within ten days thereafter to the ward, in which such vacancy shall occur, to hold an election, as hereinafter provided for, to fill such vacancy after twenty days notice.

Sheriff to hold election.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the sheriff of Mecklenburg county, or a deputy by him appointed, shall advertise for an election of mayor and aldermen, at least twenty days before the first Monday in February A. D., eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and at least twenty days before the first Monday in February, in every second year thereafter, and shall attend at the court house, on said day of election, at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning, and shall open the polls of election in the presence of five inspectors, one for the mayor's election, and one for each ward, by him